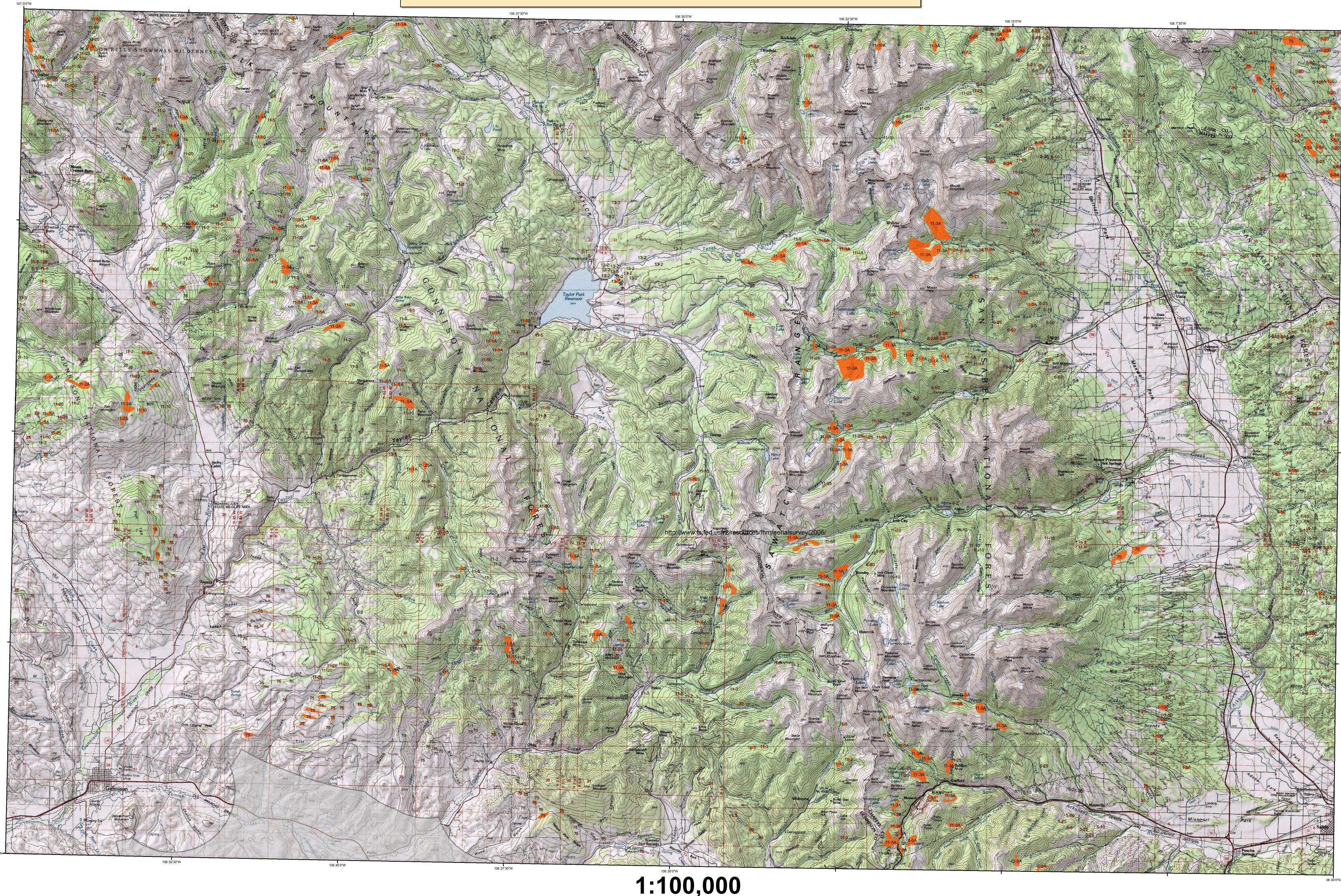
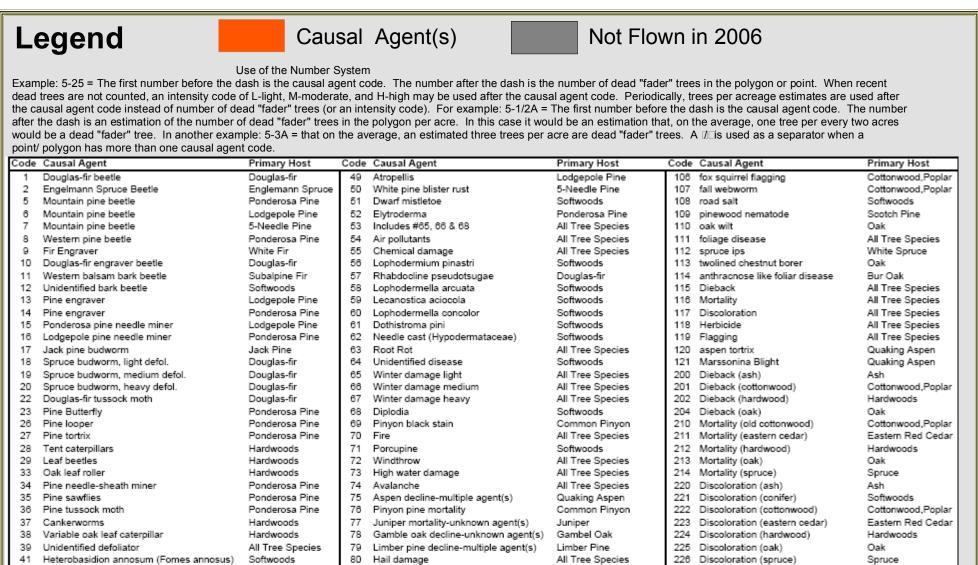
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Unknown

Common Pinyon

Lodgepole Pine

Ponderosa Pine

Spruce, White Spruce

42 Armillaria ostoyae (Armillaria mellea)

43 Polyporus schweinitzii

44 Phomopsis

45 Cytospora

46 Western gall rust

47 Comandra rust

48 Stalactiforme rus

Softwoods

Softwoods

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All Tree Species

99 Unknown polygon

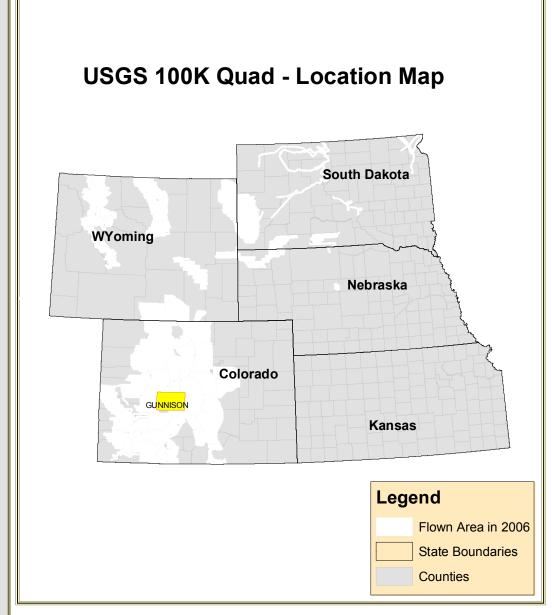
100 old pinion mortality

1 road salt lpp

03 diplodia blight

104 lps hunterii

02 dutch elm disease



Cottonwood, Poplar

Eastern Red Cedar

30 Herbicide (cottonwood)

240 Flagging (hardwood)

Herbicide (eastern cedar)

51 Unidentified defoliator (elm)

Unidentified defoliator (cottonwood) Cottonwood, Poplar

52 Unidentified defoliator (hardwood) Hardwoods

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Data represented on this map are based on aerial observations manually recorded onto a map. This procedure is considered both an art form and a form of scientific data collection, and is highly subjective. An observer only has a few seconds to recognize the color difference between healthy and damaged trees of different species; diagnose causal agents correctly; estimate intensity; delineate the extent of damage; and precisely record this information on a georeferenced map. Air turbulence, cloud shadows, distance from aircraft, haze, smoke, and observer experience can all affect the quality of the survey. These data summaries provide an estimate of conditions on the ground and may differ from estimates derived by other methods.

How Aerial Surveys Are Conducted

Aerial surveys provide information on the current status for many causal agents, and are important when examining insect activity trends by comparing historical and current survey data over large areas.

Overview surveys are a snap shot in time and therefore may not be timed to accurately capture the true extent or severity of a particular disturbance activity. Aerial surveys can be thought of as the first stage in a multi-stage sampling design. Other remote sensing approaches, including aerial photography, electro-optical sensors, and specially designed aerial surveys with modified flight patterns, can be used to more accurately delineate the extent and severity of a particular disturbance agent. The preceding methods are often more costly than overview surveys, and are generally reserved to address situations of sufficient environmental, economic, or political importance.

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Due to the nature of aerial surveys, the data on this map will only provide rough estimates of location, intensity and the resulting trend information for agents detectable from the air. Many of the most destructive diseases are not represented on this map because these agents are not detectable from aerial surveys. The data presented on this map should only be used as a partial indicator of insect and disease activity, and should be validated on the ground for actual location and casual agent. Shaded areas show locations where tree mortality or defoliation were apparent from the air. Intensity of damage is variable and not all trees in shaded areas are dead or defoliated.

The insect and disease data represented on this map are available digitally from the USDA Forest Service, Region Two Forest Health Management group. The cooperators reserve the right to correct, update, modify or replace GIS products. Using this map for purposes other than those for which it was intended may yield inaccurate or misleading results.

A data dictionary and digital copies of this map and the insect and disease data are available at: http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/resources/fhm/aerialsurvey/